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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 20, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer, we pray Your inspiration over the reconvening of this body. With much to be discussed, debated, and decided, allow Your Holy Spirit to brood over the tumultuous waters and bring order and purpose into this new day.

Redeem the efforts and intent of all who endeavor to steward the responsibilities You have given them. May each of us speak out of genuine commitment—not just to the nobleness of our position, but to the welfare of our common humanity. May we exercise courtesy and compassion in our dealings with one another, even those with whom we disagree.

Sustain us when the days grow long and patience grows short. When we are jealous of our time and sparing of respect, may You, in Your kindness to us, cause our love to increase and our mutual regard for each other to win out.

Strengthen our hearts that when called to account, we will be found blameless and holy in Your eyes. In all that we do this day, may we reflect

Your rich love, made all the richer by the privilege we have to demonstrate Your grace and mercy to those around us.

We pray in the name of the one in whom we live, move, and have our being.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate cancer has led male cancer incidence in 96 countries. It is the most common cause of death among men in 51 countries. The United States leads the world in reducing prostate cancer deaths.

One in eight U.S. men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetimes. African-American men are over 75 percent more likely to develop prostate cancer compared to White men and more than twice as likely to die from the disease.

It is important for our men to understand that there are usually no early warning signs for prostate cancer. For many years the disease may be silent. That is why screening is such an important topic for all men and their families.

Age is the biggest risk factor for prostate cancer; rates of diagnosis steadily rise as men age into their fifties, sixties, and seventies.

I have family members and close male friends who have suffered from prostate cancer but underwent surgery and survived. Ask for early screening, and please be aware of this month as we go through prostate cancer awareness.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER DONAHUE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Christopher Donahue, the commander of the 82nd Airborne Division and the last American soldier to leave Afghanistan.

A native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and as an officer in our Nation's special forces, General Donahue has devoted his life to the service of our Nation.

During the global war on terrorism, General Donahue has led soldiers in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He has always put his soldiers and their mission first. As the final soldier in Afghanistan, General Donahue showed his devotion to our Nation yet again.

This man is a leader, and our Nation is well-served with him commanding

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